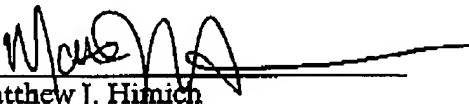


REMARKS

In response to the Office's request for information of October 20, 2004, a substitute abstract has been provided. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-referenced substitute abstract and notification to that effect prior to the issuance of the patent.

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